



BUMC & MUMC's 2019 Advent ~ Epiphany Devotional Lifting Our Hearts & Voices

As you travel through this season, may the hymns of Advent and Christmas draw you into the beauty, mystery, mercy and love that came as promised. As you sit each day with the words of the hymns, the scripture, and the same set of questions (below), may God bless you and open up this season of waiting and wonder. You may want to use YouTube to listen along. Just type in the hymn title and number (i.e. Away in a Manger, #217), and you should

be able to find most of the hymns online. The majority of songs are taken straight from our United Methodist Hymnal, while others (those underlined below) come from the Presbyterian Hymnal. A big thank you to Rev. Sharyl Dixon, pastor at Kingston Presbyterian Church, from whom this idea and devotional originated, for it fits perfectly with our Songs of the Season series. May this special season prepare you to approach and celebrate God coming near in the gift of Jesus at Christmas.

DAILY QUESTIONS:

Do you recognize this hymn? If so, what memories do you have of this hymn?

If this is a new hymn, what is your first impression?

What does this hymn highlight about who God is and how God moves in the world?

Where do you connect with the hymn and why?

For Advent: How does this hymn prepare you for the coming of Jesus?



Post-Christmas: How does this hymn celebrate Jesus' birth for you?

What is a way you can carry the message of the hymn into your day?

DAILY PRAYER:

Loving God, open my heart to the wonders and love of this season. Use today's hymn and scripture to draw me closer to you. Remove the things that take up the room in my heart and head that belongs to you. Help me to wait for you. Help me prepare the way for your coming, your love, and your will. (Continuing to pray silently). O grace-filled God, may I say, "Yes" like Mary, may I worship like the angels, may I be loyal like Joseph, may I share the good news of you coming near like the shepherds, and may I be on the lookout and meet you on the way like the wisemen. Amen.

Date	Hymn	Scripture
Dec 1	#196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Isaiah 9:6-7
Dec 2	<u>#3 Comfort, Comfort You My People</u>	Psalms 121
Dec 3	<u>#4 Creator of the Stars of Night</u>	Psalms 139
Dec 4	#626 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	Habakkuk 2:20
Dec 5	#213 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	Psalms 24
Dec 6	#211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Matthew 1:22-23
Dec 7	<u>#11 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?</u>	Psalms 105:1-22
Dec 8	#202 People, Look East	Isaiah 11:1-10
Dec 9	<u>#13 Prepare the Way</u>	Mark 1: 1-8

Dec 10	#214 Savior of the Nations, Come	Matthew 1
Dec 11	<u>#15 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers</u>	Psalms 100
Dec 12	<u>#17 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us</u>	Matthew 25:1-13
Dec 13	<u>#18 The Desert Shall Rejoice</u>	Isaiah 35
Dec 14	#215 To a Maid Engaged to Joseph	Luke 1:26-38
Dec 15	<u>#20 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night</u>	Isaiah 12
Dec 16	<u>#21 All My Heart Today Rejoices</u>	Philippians 4:4-9
Dec 17	#220 Angels from the Realms of Glory	Luke 2:8-14
Dec 18	#238 Angels We Have Heard on High	Psalms 72:1-19
Dec 19	#217 Away in a Manger	Luke 2:7
Dec 20	#221 In the Bleak Midwinter	Psalms 131
Dec 21	<u>#27 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</u>	Luke 1:46-55
Dec 22	#224 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	Luke 1:68-79
Dec 23	#184 Of the Father's Love Begotten	Philippians 2:5-11
	Dec 24 #240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	Luke 2:8-15
	Dec 25 #246 Joy to the World	Matthew 1:18-23
	Dec 26 #251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain	Matthew 28:18-20
	Dec 27 #234 O Come, All Ye Faithful	Luke 2:8-20
	Dec 28 #218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear	Isaiah 10:13-14
Dec 29	#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
Dec 30	#216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Isaiah 11:1
Dec 31	<u>#49 Once in Royal David's City</u>	Luke 2:4-5
Jan 1	<u>#50 Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow</u>	Luke 2:8-20
Jan 2	#219 What Child Is This	Luke 2:21-40
Jan 3	#236 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks	Luke 2:10-14
Jan 4	#239 Silent Night, Holy Night	John 1:1-14
Jan 5	<u>#62 Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love</u>	Mark 12:28-34
Jan 6	#254 We Three Kings	Matthew 2:1-12

